IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re United States Patent Application of: **Docket No.:** 014835-101.02-029 **Applicants:** Geddes, et al. Conf. No.: 6557 **Application No.:** 10/536,502 Art Unit: 2858 **Date Filed:** 12/14/2005 Examiner Angela M Bertagna Title: HIGH SENSITIVITY ASSAYS **Customer No.:** 24239 FOR PATHOGEN **DETECTION USING METAL-ENHANCED FLUORESCENCE**

RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 6, 2010 OFFICE ACTION IN U.S. PATENT APPLICATION NO. 10/536,502

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Dear Sir:

In response to the October 6, 2010 Office Action issued for the above-identified application, applicants submit the following response: